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**Safety:** 2006/95/EC Low Voltage Directive

**EMC:** 2004/108/EC Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive



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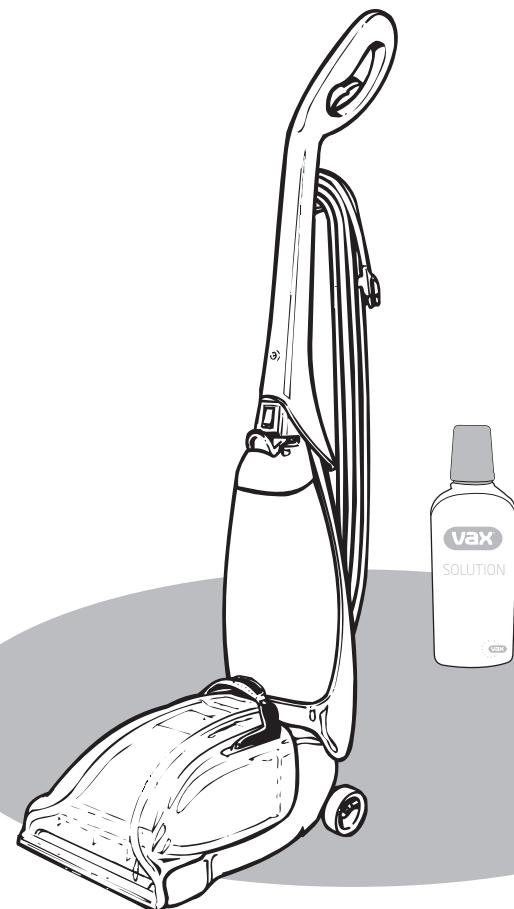
# Carpet washer

**POWERmax**

Vax model number:

VRS14W

instruction manual



Version 1.0

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Please read carefully before using this cleaner.  
Always fully extend the mains cable before use.  
Retain for future reference.

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## 1. Diagram

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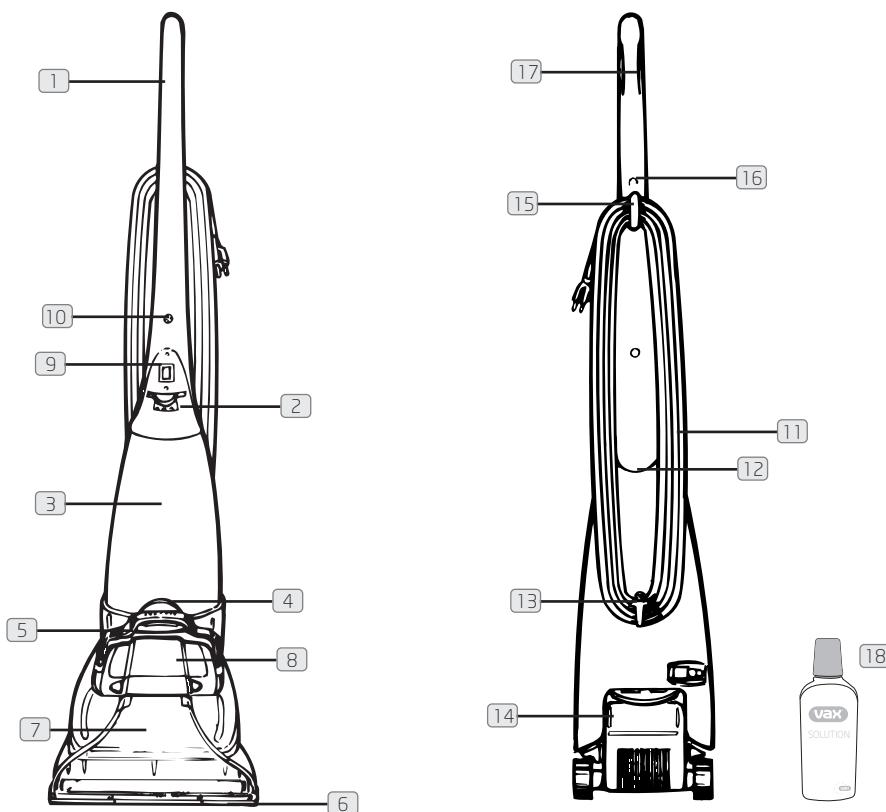


Fig.1/1

[1] Handle	[10] Handle screw
[2] Clean water tank latch	[11] Power cord
[3] Clean water tank	[12] Carrying handle
[4] Dirty water tank latch	[13] Quick cord release
[5] Dirty water tank handle	[14] Unit recline pedal
[6] Floating brushbar	[15] Cord storage hook
[7] Dirty water tank	[16] Cord safety hook
[8] Dirty water tank lid	[17] Solution release trigger
[9] On/Off button	[18] Vax carpet cleaning solution

## 2 parts overview

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## 2. Safety Information

### FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY.

When using the carpet washer, basic safety precautions should always be observed, including the following:

1. Do not leave the carpet washer unattended when plugged in. Unplug it from socket when not in use.
2. To prevent electric shock do not use outdoors.
3. Not to be used as a toy. Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.
4. This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning the use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.
5. Use only as described in this manual.
6. Do not use the carpet washer if it has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors or dropped into water. Do not use the carpet washer with a damaged cord or plug. If the cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer or a recommended Service Agent to avoid hazard and invalidating the guarantee.
7. Do not pull or carry by cord. Do not use the cord as a handle, close a door on the cord or pull cord around sharp edges or corners. Do not run the carpet washer over the cord. Keep the cord away from heated surfaces.
8. Do not unplug by pulling on the cord.
9. Do not handle the plug or carpet washer with wet hands.
10. Do not put any objects into openings or operate with openings blocked, keep them free of anything that may reduce airflow.
11. Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers and all parts of the body away from openings and moving parts.
12. Do not use the carpet washer on any glowing, burning or smoking particles.
13. Do not use without the solution tank and dirty water tank in place.
14. Turn off all controls before unplugging.
15. Do not use to pick up flammable or combustible liquids such as petrol, or use in areas where they maybe present.
16. Keep the unit on the floor.
17. Do not use an extension cord.
18. Do not attempt to remove blockages with sharp objects as they may cause damage.
19. Store indoors put away after use to prevent tripping accidents.
20. Using improper voltage may result in damage to the motor and possible injury to the user. The correct voltage is listed on the rating label.
21. A hazard may occur if the carpet washer runs over the power supply cord.
22. To prevent dirty water from running into the motor, do not hold the appliance upside-down or lay on its side. Use appliance in normal cleaning position.
23. Use extra care when cleaning on stairs.
24. Do not carry appliance while motor is running.



**WARNING:** Always switch off and unplug your machine from the electrical socket before filling and emptying the clean water tank, emptying the dirty water tank, before assembling, opening, before connecting/disconnecting the attachments, or carrying out maintenance or troubleshooting checks.



**NOTE:** Carpets should be dry vacuumed thoroughly before washing.



**IMPORTANT:** If the floor head is blocked, -switch off the carpet washer and remove the blockage(s) before re-starting your machine. See maintenance.



**IMPORTANT:** Cleaning filters maintains cleaning performance. Vax recommends that your filters should be checked and cleaned periodically. If your filters are washable make sure they are completely dry before inserting back into the machine.

This machine is intended for household use only, and NOT for commercial or industrial use.

**PLEASE KEEP THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FURTHER USE.**

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### 3. Assembly

#### Putting your cleaner together

Stand the base in the upright position. Assemble the mid section onto the base, taking care not to trap internal wire (Fig 3/1).

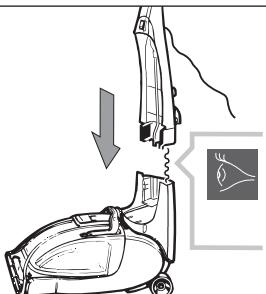


Fig.3/1

Insert the three nuts into the recesses located on the left and right sides of the base and into the recess located in the middle of the back of the base.

While holding the nuts in place insert screws through the front of the mid section and tighten (Fig 3/2) using a crosshead screwdriver.

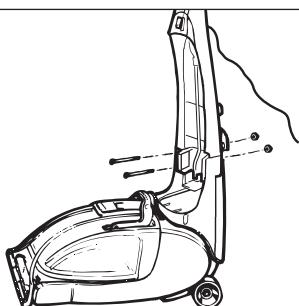


Fig.3/2

Slide the upper handle down onto the unit. Insert nut into the recess in the back of the upper handle. While holding the nut in place insert the screw through the front of the upper handle and tighten.

Run the cord wire above the upper cord hook and secure with the cord clip (Fig 3/3).

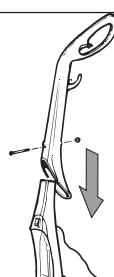


Fig.3/3

### 4. Operation

**! IMPORTANT:** Turn off when emptying and filling the reservoir.

Grasp the clean water tank under the handle and press the handle release lever upward (Fig 4/1).



Fig.4/1

Tilt the clean water tank away from the cleaner and remove (Fig 4/2).

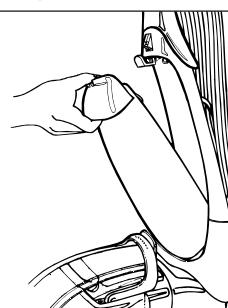


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Unscrew the measuring cap from the rear of the clean water tank (Fig 4/3).

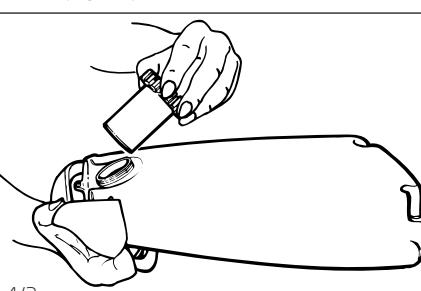


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Fill the bottle cap or measuring cap 4 times with Vax carpet cleaning solution and pour into the clean water tank (Fig 4/4).

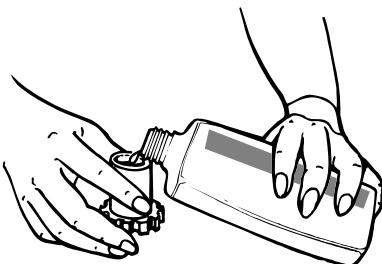


Fig.4/4

**IMPORTANT:** Maximum water temperature 40°C.

Fill the remaining space in the clean water tank with warm tap water. Replace the measuring cap (Fig 4/5).

**NOTE:** use only Vax carpet cleaning solution, using other cleaning solutions may cause excessive foaming.

This may cause the float to shut off the cleaner prematurely. Using other cleaning solutions will invalidate your guarantee.

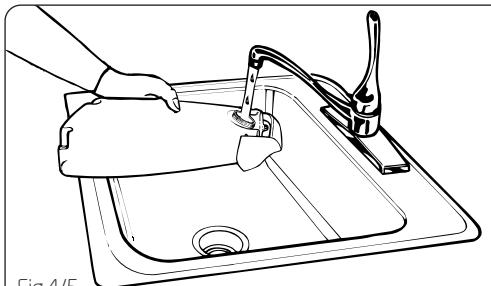


Fig.4/5

Place the bottom of the clean water tank into the cleaner and push into place. There will be an audible click when the clear water tank is in the correct position (Fig 4/6).

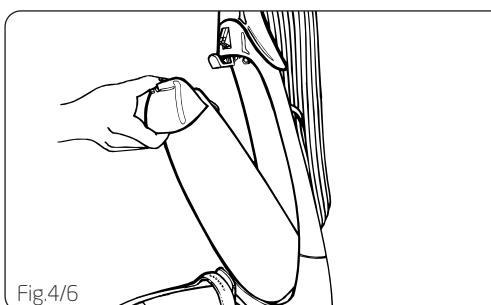


Fig.4/6

Plug the cord into a electrical socket. Turn the on/off button on (Fig 4/7). The switch is located on the front of the cleaner, above the clean water tank.

The on/off button controls the vacuum motor. Press on the unit recline pedal and pull the cleaner back into a reclined position (Fig 4/8).

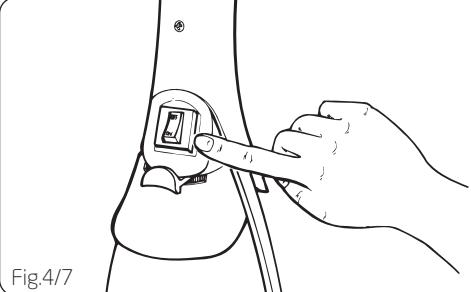


Fig.4/7

**IMPORTANT:** Never leave the cleaner unattended with the power on.

**NOTE:** Vacuum carpets thoroughly with dry vacuum cleaner before washing.

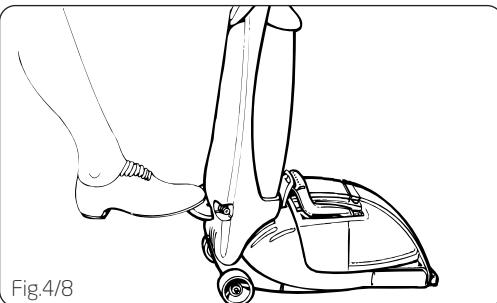
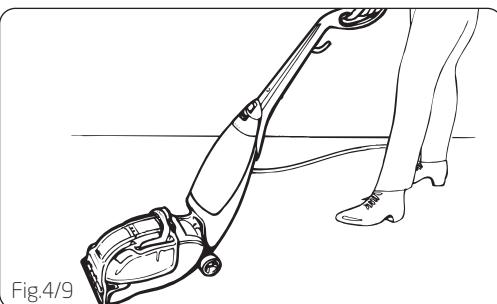


Fig.4/8

Whilst pressing solution spray trigger, push carpet washer in a forwards motion. Release trigger and pull unit backwards in same path to remove dirty water and solution from the carpet. (Fig 4/9).



Repeat if necessary. When the dirty water reaches the max fill line on the dirty water tank empty the tank.

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## Emptying the dirty water tank

NOTE: The float in your Rapide is the blue part in the dirty water tank lid, it will shut off the suction when the dirty water tank is full. For best results use a smooth steady motion keeping the nozzle flat against the carpet.

Tipping the cleaner and breaking the seal of the nozzle against the carpet will cause the float to rise cutting off suction. Once the float is activated, empty the dirty water tank. If the tank does not appear full turn off the power switch and wait for the float to settle. For best results use only Vax carpet cleaning solution.

You will hear a distinct change in the noise coming from your cleaner when the tank is full and needs emptying.

**IMPORTANT:** Unplug your cleaner before emptying the dirty water tank.

Grasp the top of the dirty water tank handle and press the release latch (Fig 4/10).

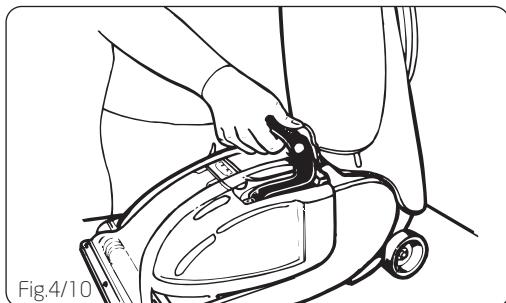


Fig.4/10

Grasp the handle and pull up out of the base, take care to ensure that no dirty water leaks from the front (Fig 4/11).

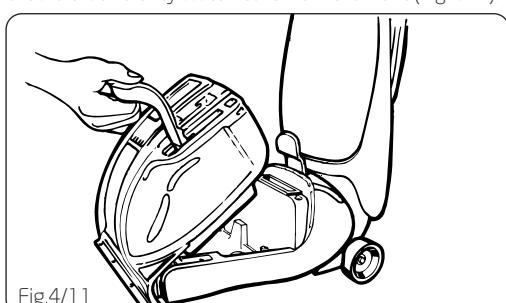


Fig.4/11

Remove dirty water tank lid (Fig 4/12).

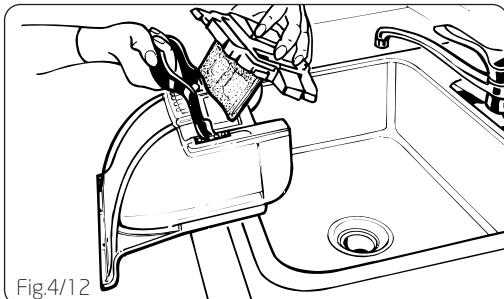


Fig.4/12

To empty the water tank, hold the handle with one hand and nozzle with the other and empty into the sink (Fig 4/13).



Fig.4/13

## Cleaning the dirty water tank

Rinse the dirty water tank and filter thoroughly, with warm water (Fig 4/14).

You should allow them to dry for 24 hours before replacing them on your cleaner to prevent mildew.

Do not use any chemicals in the cleaning process.



Fig.4/14

## Replacing the dirty water tank

Lift the front of the carpet cleaner base off the carpet with one hand (Fig 4/15).

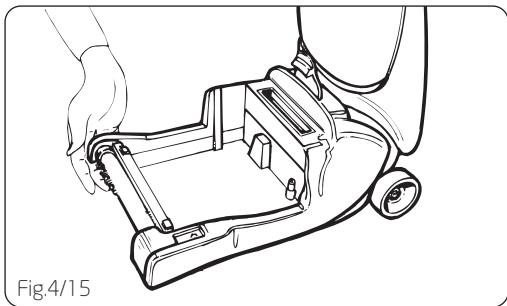


Fig.4/15

Grasp the handle and hook the front of the dirty water cleaner into the base, making sure that the front of the dirty water tank is resting on the base.

The dirty water tank has three tabs on the underside which MUST latch on to the underside of the base of the cleaner. The base must be lifted so that the nozzle is flush with the base of the cleaner.

Failure to install the dirty water tank correctly will result in poor dirty water pick up (Fig 4/16).

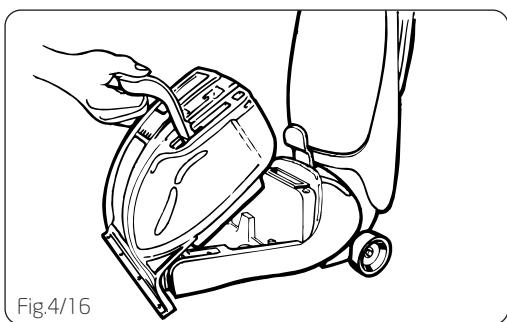


Fig.4/16

While making sure the dirty water tank is resting on the base, place the rear of the tank into the base of the cleaner, push down on the handle until it latches.

Empty and rinse clean water tank after use (Fig 4/17).

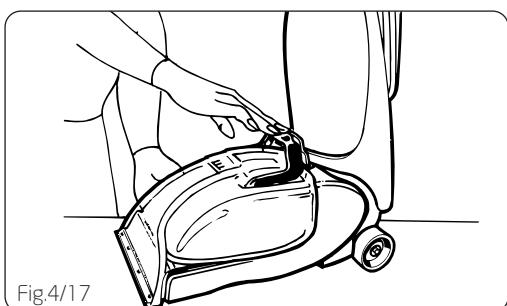


Fig.4/17

## 5. Maintenance

### Brush removal and replacement

**NOTE:** Crosshead screwdriver required

**NOTE:** The plug must be removed from electrical socket before cleaning or maintaining the appliance.

Remove the water tank switch off and unplug carpet washer.

Flip the cleaner on its side to expose the nozzle base (Fig 5/1).

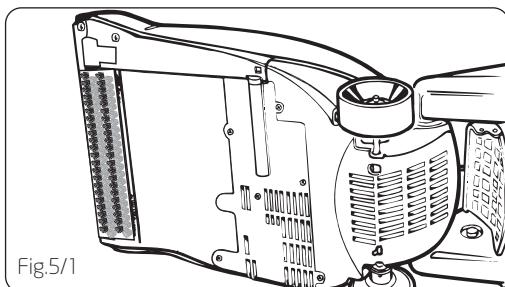


Fig.5/1

To remove the brush access cover, use a crosshead screwdriver to remove the two screws (Fig 5/2).

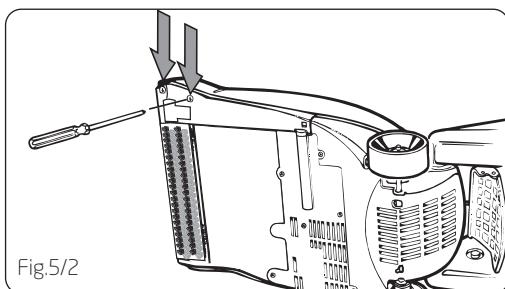


Fig.5/2

Lift out the floating brushbar (Fig 5/3).

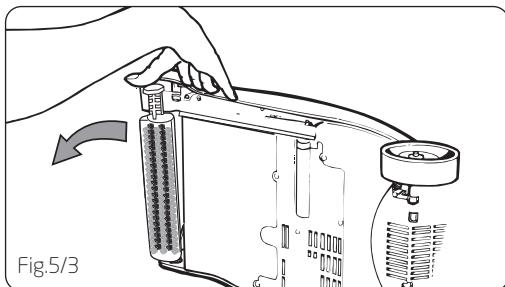
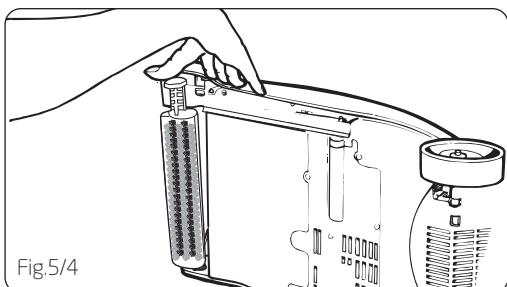
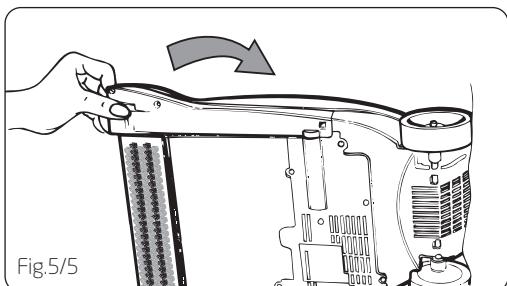


Fig.5/3

Replace floating brushbar (Fig 5/4).



Replace the brush access cover by inserting the end furthest from the brush first. Then replace the front end before securing in place with the two screws (Fig 5/5).



## 6. Troubleshooting



**WARNING:** To reduce the risk of personal injury, unplug the vacuum cleaner before performing maintenance or troubleshooting checks.

**PROBLEM:** The cleaner won't run.

**Cause:** Not properly plugged into electrical socket.

**Solution:** Plug in firmly.

**Cause:** No electricity in electrical socket.

**Solution:** Check fuse or breaker.

**Cause:** On/off button not turned on.

**Solution:** Push on/off button to 'on'.

**Cause:** Blown fuse/tripped circuit.

**Solution:** Reset circuit or replace fuse.

**PROBLEM:** Cleaner won't pick up/loss of suction.

**Cause:** Dirty water tank is full.

**Solution:** Switch off and unplug cleaner. Empty dirty water tank as shown in section 4.

**Cause:** Dirty water tank not installed correctly.

**Solution:** Refer to page 7 for fitting information.

**Cause:** Obstruction in hose/nozzle.

**Solution:** Remove hose and clear obstruction.

**Cause:** Broken or worn belt.

**Solution:** Replace the belt. See page 7.

**Cause:** Brushbar is worn.

**Solution:** Replace the brushbar. See page 7.

**PROBLEM:** Liquid escaping from the carpet washer.

**Cause:** Dirty water tank is full.

**Solution:** Switch off and unplug cleaner. Empty dirty water tank as shown in section 4.

**Cause:** Dirty water tank not installed correctly.

**Solution:** Refer to page 7 for fitting information.

**Cause:** Clean water tank not installed correctly.

**Solution:** Make sure the tank is securely locked in place

**PROBLEM:** Cleaning solution won't dispense.

**Cause:** Clean water tank not installed correctly.

**Solution:** Make sure the tank is securely locked in place.

**Cause:** Clean water tank empty.

**Solution:** Refill tank. Refer to page 6 for instructions.

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Please make a note of the serial number and model number of the carpet cleaner before calling. For the nearest Service Agent, please call the Vax Customer Careline or visit [vax.co.uk](http://vax.co.uk)

## 8. Consumables

To purchase spares and accessories, please visit  
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Type 7 filter kit 1-9-125411-00

## 9. Technical Specification

Voltage:	220-240V ~50Hz
Wattage:	600 W
Capacity:	Clean water tank - 3.5 litres Dirty water tank - 2.0 litres
Cord length:	7.5 metres
Weight:	5.75kg

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